

ANNOUNCEMENT

The first DWR San Francisco Bay Regional Forum on Water Planning and Management is scheduled for Monday, June 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Forum will use a webinar format, with an option for in-person attendance at the East Bay Municipal Utility District's Board Room at 375 Eleventh Street, Oakland, CA.

The Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with local entities and organizations, is holding a Regional Forum to gather and share information relating to the California Water Plan, local planning efforts and other water-related activities. This includes collecting feedback on local conditions and priorities that will help inform statewide investments.

Representatives of water agencies and collaboratives; local, state, Tribal and federal government; watershed and community groups; conservancies; and the public are welcome and needed for successful dialog.

Information on Forum details

Meeting information is posted online at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=jun2711 and includes the agenda, webinar link, and conference call number. Presentations and handouts will be posted as they are developed.

The agenda items for this Forum will focus on DWR programs, with updates and discussion on the Water Plan Regional Reports and topic-based caucuses (including the groundwater, finance and sustainable indicators caucuses) and an update on local Integrated Regional Water Management, Bay Area Water Forum and integration of Flood and Watershed Planning.

Background

This Forum is part of a new regional approach for discussing water issues and management strategies. The concept evolved from the Regional Workshops that supported Update 2009 of the California Water Plan. Those workshops focused on developing the Water Plan Regional Reports, which described local conditions and activities related to water and flood planning and management. The Update 2009 SF Bay hydrologic region report is available at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/cwpu2009/0310final/v3_sanfrancisco_cwp2009.pdf

NOTE: This is a large PDF (6.9 MB) and will take a while to download!

During the Update 2009 workshops, stakeholders encouraged DWR to consolidate outreach efforts for their various programs and to coordinate outreach with other State agencies. As a result, DWR introduced a new approach for coordinated regional outreach at a public workshop in July 2010 and through two webinars in February 2011.

Information on this new regional outreach approach was shared through the California Water Plan eNews, IRWM and FloodSAFE and regional email lists, inviting local stakeholders to become involved and help plan the Regional Forums for the various hydrologic regions throughout the State. As a result, representative stakeholders from the SF Bay region are helping to plan the SF Bay Forums and are assisting with local outreach.

Several SF Bay Forums will likely be held each year, with agendas focused on specific water related programs associated with DWR and other agencies.